

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0042] on page 11 with:

-- In accordance with one or more embodiments of the present invention, the semantic rules of both classes and functions follow the pattern of: keyword name(parameters), where keyword is either class or function, name is the name of the construct and parameters is an optional list of one or more parameters. The unification of function and class semantics is also described in copending application entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Unifying the Semantics of Functions and Classes in a Programming Language", assigned to the same assignee as the current application, filed on October 12, 2001, serial number 09/977,516 and incorporated herein by reference. Both the function and the class bodies contain statements that are executed after the structure is instantiated. In either construct, these statements comprise constructor code. A function also optionally returns a value.--